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1. PLS ACCEPT AND PASS ON TO YOUR PEOPLE OUR ENTHUSIASTIC CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF MISSION 3201. THIS WAS A MOST DIFFICULT AND EXHAUSTING MISSION. WE REALLY SWEATED YOU OUT BUT WERE CONFIDENT THAT YOU COULD PULL IT OFF. OF COURSE WE ARE DISAPPOINTED ON THE BAD BREAK WE HAD ON THE WEATHER BUT THIS IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT IS A GAMBLE AT BEST IN THIS AREA WITH THE MARGINAL FORECASTING TOOLS AVAILABLE.

2. I CERTAINLY CONCUR WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION FOR THE DELAY ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE PILOTS' CONDITIONS. AS A MATTER OF FACT I HAD JUST DECIDED TO CANCEL 3202 BECAUSE OF THE RISK INVOLVED IN ATTEMPTING SUCH A SHORT TURN-AROUND PERIOD WHEN I RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE. THE ORIGINAL THOUGHT WAS TO TAKE

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ADVANTAGE OF GOOD WEATHER IN THE EASTERN AREA AND TRY TO  
WRAP THIS UP AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

3. I AM A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT THE SA-16 PROBLEM WITH THE

IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SA-16 AND THE MC-135

WOULD CLEAR WHITE WITH A DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR ALL OVERFLIGHTS

INCLUDING WE ARE WORKING ON THIS NOW FOR THE NEXT MISSION.

IT IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT THAT WE DO NOT GET THE TOO CURIOUS

AS TO WHAT HAS GONE ON. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY EFFORT AT YOUR

END TO RUN THE SA-16 IN THIS MANNER. IF WE CANNOT SET THIS UP BY

NEXT MISSION TIME THEN I CONCUR WITH YOUR SUGGESTION OF NOT FILING

A CLEARANCE OR MAKING POSITION REPORTS IN THE AREA.

4. I AM HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY WITH THE STATION CHIEF AT

WHO THINKS THAT WE HAVE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH COMPLETE

MISSION DATA SO HE CAN CLEAR WITH THE AHEAD OF TIME. YOU

MAY BE HAVING SAME PROBLEM. WE WILL PROVIDE HIM WITH MINIMUM

ADMINISTRATIVE DELIVERS

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REQUIRED INFORMATION CONCERNING OPERATIONS IN THE [REDACTED]  
AND IT WILL BE UP TO HIM TO SOLVE HIS DIPLOMATIC COORDINATION.

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5. I AM LOOKING AT THE WEATHER TODAY FOR MISSION 3203. IF  
THE WEATHER IS FAVORABLE I WILL SEND AN ALERT, BUT YOU WILL HAVE  
COMPLETE PREROGATIVE OF CANCELING IF THE [REDACTED] HAVE NOT  
RECOVERED COMPLETELY.

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6. HIGHEST AUTHORITIES HERE ARE FOLLOWING YOUR EFFORTS  
VERY CLOSELY AND ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE DIFFICULTY IN  
OPERATING UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS AND WERE SWEATING YOU OUT  
ON 3201 AS MUCH AS I WAS. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO GET YOU HOME BY  
CHRISTMAS BUT YOU SHOULD REALIZE THAT THE SITUATION MAY REQUIRE  
FOLLOW-ON MISSIONS AND A POSSIBLE MOVEMENT TO A MORE FORWARD  
AND FAVORABLE POSITION.

END OF MESSAGE

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